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CALL FOR ISE PROPOSALS AND REVIEWERS

The FY 2011 Request for Applications (RFA) for our International Science and Education (ISE) competitive grants program has been issued. The ISE supports agricultural research, extension, and teaching activities that will enhance the capabilities of American colleges and universities to conduct international collaborative research, extension and teaching. ISE projects are expected to enhance the international content of curricula; ensure that faculty work beyond the United States and bring lessons learned back home; promote international research partnerships; enhance the use and application of foreign technologies in the United States; and strengthen the role that colleges and universities play in maintaining United States competitiveness. The RFA can be found [here](#). The closing date for this program is January 19, 2011.

NIFA's Center for International Programs is also soliciting experts to review and evaluate proposals for the ISE grants competition. The integrity of our programs depends on the assistance received from individuals who serve on peer review panels. Panel selection is contingent upon the number of proposals we receive. Please be aware that providing us with your name and information at this time does not imply a commitment to having you serve on a panel. We will inform you of final panel assignments as soon as possible to avoid creating conflicts with your schedule.

We anticipate holding the 2-3 day summary panel meeting in early April, 2011. We recognize that demands on your time are numerous. As we review the areas of emphasis in the proposals submitted by the January 19 deadline, we will initiate contact with panel members as soon as possible to make scheduling commitments.

To avoid potential **conflicts of interest**, please be advised that if you are planning to submit a proposal or serve in any capacity on proposals submitted to this competition, **you will not be able to participate on this panel.**

To expedite the selection process, please send a brief resume with a message indicating your interest in serving on this ISE panel by February 1, 2011. Your response is urgently needed and very important to us.

For further information please contact [Patty Fulton](#).

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SEMINAR USDA AND FEED THE FUTURE: AN UPDATE

Join us at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Center for International Programs for an update on the USDA'S Feed the Future Initiative with Ann Tutwiler.

Feed the Future is a global commitment to ensure food security. Ann Tutwiler is the Coordinator for Global Food Security in the Office of the Secretary for USDA.

December 9, 2010
800 9th St SW, Washington, DC (Waterfront Centre)
Room 3455
1-2 p.m.

Non-NIFA employees who plan to attend, please contact us by 4 p.m., December 8 to expedite the security check-in process. *Space is limited!!*

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NEWS FROM NIFA

NIFA's Center for International Programs is pretty busy these days on a variety of fronts. The next round of the ever-popular and competitive **International Science and Education** grant program has just been announced. The ISE program has been in place for several years, and we hope before long to call principal investigators from some of those grants together to take stock of impacts and to share lessons learned. We're also looking to learn from the last years of our **extension work in Iraq**—a NIFA effort that has been conducted successfully by a number of land-grant experts. In fact, lifting up the best practices and relevant experience from our work in Iraq may be helpful as we look to possibly undertake some extension activities elsewhere in the region. And, rounding out the list, our new efforts in **food aid nutrition enhancement research** is revving up, and we're looking forward to the field studies that will take place in the coming years.

Beyond these programs, we are exploring new opportunities in the **international youth development** arena. We're also strategizing with others on the amazingly robust use of **information and communication technologies** overseas and at home to deliver trustworthy agricultural information to users. On another front, we're brainstorming with colleagues from **Peace Corps** about how we might work more closely together. And, to keep things interesting, we're intrigued by the art and science of **scaling up**, and hope to hold an open conversation about it. No, we don't have formal programs in any of the aforementioned domains, but we are interested in finding ways to facilitate start-up dialogue, learning, and sharing of experiences in each.

Lastly, we continue to engage in the important work underway to build **food security** at home and abroad. The U.S. government's *Feed the Future* initiative will undoubtedly provide opportunities for all of us to use our experience—and to further improve it—by getting back into important work focused on food, agriculture, and nutrition. If you care to hear an update on the initiative, tune in to the session that will be given by Ann Tutwiler (see first page).

Thanks,
[Hiram Larew](#)

A Note from NIFA...

Thank you to everyone who has been reading, participating in, and enjoying our newsletter.

In keeping with our last announcement, some of the themes we'd like to feature in future issues are youth, extension, nutrition, long distance education, and partnerships with corporations. If your university is doing work in any of these fields, let us know!

Webinar

Watch NIFA's last seminar, *Ensuring Food and Nutritional Security in a Warming, Malnourished World* with Dyno Keatinge of AVRDC—The World Vegetable Center [here](#).

View archived copies of *Global Endeavors* [here](#).

NEWS FROM CAMPUS...

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Univer-

sity (LU) of Missouri has recently designed and implemented a number of projects in the field of international agriculture. These include a custom-tailored training for a team of **Croatians** to facilitate the trade collaboration between the United States and Croatian meat processors, traders, slaughter houses, etc. This endeavor also brings together both Croatian and U.S. veterinary officials so that they can, collaboratively, resolve various food safety and meat trade issues. The important goal from this program was to expand the U.S. agricultural exports to Croatia.

The university also tailored a training for a team of **Chilean** professionals on meat quality in general, with some emphasis on beef management. The training exposed the team to USDA's meat inspection system including the grading programs for beef, sheep (lamb and mutton), pork, poultry, and goat meat. The training also incorporated how USDA develops the grading standards and once developed how such standards are maintained and implemented.

LU is in the process of developing a training program for a group of agriculture officials from the government of **Thailand** on the U.S. compliance on SPS Agreement for live-stock regulations. These Thai officials will be responsible for any future amendments or changes to their food packaging regulations for their country.

Lincoln University remains engaged in **China** with a few like-minded institutions (Tianjin University of Foreign Languages, Wen Zhou University) of that country on several projects of mutual interest. We are also engaged in **Malaysia** through a Memorandum of Understanding with Lincoln College (soon to be called Lincoln University of Malaysia).

FAO INFOSYLVA

INFOSYLVA is an information service of news clippings provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization Forestry Information Centre with news on forestry in English, French and Spanish.

Compiled here are selected non-FAO news clippings related to forestry. The articles are in their original language and compiled on a weekly basis. The articles do not reflect the views of FAO and some articles may no longer be available on the Internet after a period of time.

For more information on INFOSYLVA click [here](#). For more information at the FAO

For more information about these programs please con-



USA Selected to Host IUFRO World Congress in 2014

The International Union of Forestry Research Organizations, of which NIFA is a member, has selected the United States to host the XIV IUFRO World Congress, held every 4 years, in September 2014 in Salt Lake City, UT. NIFA Forestry Program leaders will meet with the organizing and planning committees in the coming months.

Click [here](#) for more information.